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1. AS REPORTED REFTEL PRIME MINISTER PEDRO PIRES OF CAPE VERDE WILL ATTEND AND ADDRESS THE 33RD SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THOUGH DETAILS ARE NOT YET IRONED OUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT PIRES WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK ON OR ABOUT 17 SEPTEMBER AND LEAVE NEW YORK ON 23 OR 24 SEPTEMBER. PRIME MINISTER PIRES WILL THEN TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS AS WELL AS WITH APPROPRIATE DEPT OF STATE PERSONNEL.

2. PEDRO PIRES HEADS THE MODERATE FACTION WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF CAPE VERDE, A FACTION UNDER INCREASING
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PRESSURE FROM A MORE RADICAL AND PRO-SOVIET GROUP. ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE IN GUINEA-BISSAU (HE WAS WOUNDED AND STILL WALKS WITH A SLIGHT LIMP), PIRES' POSITION ON MANY ISSUES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BECOME MORE MODERATE AND BALANCED. WITH THE HEALTH OF PRESIDENT PEREIRA IN DOUBT, PIRES HAS BEEN ASSUMING A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE GOCV THOUGH THERE

ARE NOW INDICATIONS THAT THE OPPOSING FACTION IN THE
GOVERNMENT AND PARTY STRUCTURE MAY FEEL IN A POSITION TO
CHALLENGE PIRES SHOULD THE PRESIDENT DISAPPEAR FROM
THE SCENE.

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